

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity founded Ability Experience, formally Push America, in 1977 with the intention of providing service and education to promote a greater understanding of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Ability Experience's Journey of Hope celebrates service on behalf of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, three teams totaling nearly 100 undergraduate and alumni members of Pi Kappa Phi began their cross country trek on June 8, 2015 in Long Beach, California, traveling a combined 12,000 miles to arrive together in Washington D.C. on Aug. 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the teams will cycle from city to city carrying their message of acceptance and understanding to the hearts and homes of people across the United States; and

WHEREAS, through the Journey of Hope cross-country bicycle trek, the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity annually raises over \$500,000 for this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, for the 19th year, the Arlington Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities will host events for the cyclists which will include the 9th annual Jim Hayes Memorial Peer Challenge pitting the Journey of Hope Team against the National NCAA champions UTA Movin' Mavs for games of wheelchair basketball.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2015 as

ABILITY EXPERIENCE DAY

and urge all Arlington citizens to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the members of this Journey of Hope Team who have given so much of their time, energy, and resources for the creation of a greater understanding of Americans with disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 10th day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.


MAYOR

